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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(DO/EO/US)**

In re national phase of:

Applicant(s): Takeo NOGUCHI  
International Application No.: PCT/JP2006/301207  
International Filing Date: 26 January 2006  
Priority Date Claimed: 28 January 2005  
Title of Invention: WASHING MACHINE

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED  
OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL  
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office  
(DO/EO/US) the following items and other information under 35 U.S.C. 371:

1. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
2. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 CFR 1.492) as indicated below.

3. A copy of the International application (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith  
(International Publication No. WO 2006/080387 A1).
  - b. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office.
  - c. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. A copy of Form PCT/IB/308 is enclosed.
4. ☒ A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith (See "Original PCT" Application).
5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)):
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith.
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
6. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) is transmitted herewith.
7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409)
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith.
  - b. ☐ is not required as the United States Patent and Trademark Office was the IPEA.
8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report
  - a. ☐ is/are transmitted herewith(same as Amendment Under PCT Article 34).
  - b. ☐ is not required as the United States Patent and Trademark Office was the IPEA.
9. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is transmitted herewith(same as Amendment Under PCT Article 34).
10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. 115 is submitted herewith.

11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith.
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was searched by the United States International Searching Authority.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith, along with Form PTO-1449 and copies of citations listed.
13. ☐ An assignment document is transmitted herewith for recording, along with a separate cover sheet.
14. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
15. ☐ Applicant is a small entity.
16. ☐ Other:

Basic National Fees					Fee
Basic National Stage Fee					\$300.00
National Stage Search Fee (International Search Report prepared by an ISA or other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB)					\$400.00
National Stage Examination Fee					\$200.00
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Claims*	Number filed		Number extra	Rate	
Total claims	6	-20	0	\$50.00	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-3	0	\$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims (if applicable)				\$360.00	\$0.00
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Sets of 50 over 100 sheets	0	x		\$250.00	\$0.00
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Total national fee					\$900.00
Non-English language specification				\$130.00	
Total fees enclosed					\$900.00

\*After any attached preliminary amendment reducing the number of claims and/or deleting multiple dependencies.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

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17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988:

a. ☒ 37 CFR 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) (filing fees)

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b. ☐ 37 CFR 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

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Respectfully submitted,

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